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6 November 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director (Administration)
THROUGH: *RHF* Acting Comptroller
FROM: Assistant Comptroller
SUBJECT: Discussion with Department of State Representatives

1. On 5 November 1953 the undersigned and [redacted] of the CIA Personnel Office met with Mr. James Sherrard of the Comptroller's Office, Department of State, and Mr. James Byrnes, Executive Officer for the Office of Secretary of State, at the latter's request.

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2. Mr. Byrnes informed us that he had been requested by General Smith to arrange for the establishment of two super-grade jobs of Operation's Coordinator GS-17, and Deputy Operation's Coordinator GS-16. According to Mr. Byrnes the proposed incumbents of these positions, Mr. Walter Ravis and Mr. Lampton Berry are staff officers of the Department of State who assist General Smith in his capacity as Chairman of OCB. He stated that he had talked to Mr. Schwarzwald of the Bureau of the Budget concerning the possibility of utilizing OCB super-grade slots for these positions and that Mr. Schwarzwald had been non-committal on the subject, but had suggested that he take the matter up with the Comptroller, CIA.

3. Mr. Byrnes explained that his discussions at this point were of an exploratory nature and that he would want to check further with General Smith before making any positive proposals. He stated however that the proposition he had in mind was to obtain the approval of CIA, OCB, and the Bureau of the Budget for the assignment of two super-grade slots to the Department of State for the establishment of the two positions mentioned in paragraph 2 above, or alternatively to arrange with CIA to carry

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He asked if we could advise him as to what the attitude of CIA would be to such a proposition.

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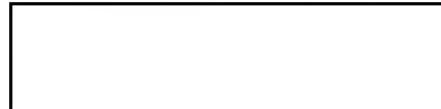
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4. We advised Mr. Byrnes that the question concerning the number of super-grade positions in OCB and the use to be made of those positions had been the subject of discussions between the Deputy Director (Administration), CIA, the Bureau of the Budget, and other interested officials, and that we would have to refer his query to the DD/A since we were not sufficiently informed on this matter to advise him as to what this Agency's attitude would be to such a proposition as he had outlined. Mr. Byrnes stated that he would like to talk to you about this matter and would be glad to call upon you at your convenience for that purpose. We advised Mr. Byrnes that we would advise you concerning the substance of his proposition and inform you of his desire to talk with you on this subject.

5. Mr. Byrnes' telephone number is Code 191, Extension 5185. Kindly advise if you wish the Comptroller's Office to take any further action on this matter.

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